

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$256,000 to acquire the necessary equipment and software to implement an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system at Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center, located at 700 E. Brighton Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would allow Loretto, the fourth largest health system in the Central New York region, to enhance the quality and accessibility of the care they provide.

EMR implementation at Loretto would improve patient outcomes and the quality of care across their programs. EMR technology would make enhancements throughout the continuum of care by streamlining the admissions and transfer process, providing staff with real-time access to detailed medical histories for Loretto's patients, and allowing for expanded coordination through the establishment of accessible care plans.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Katko
Member of Congress

